Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 0020-4976P Filing Date Examiner Application No. Art Unit April 3, 2002 S. T. Tran 10/089,694-Conf. #5505 1615 Applicant(s): Akihiko SANO et al. Invention: SUSTAINED-RELEASE DRUG FORMULATIONS MS Amendment **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Number Remaining Number After **Previously Extra Claims** Amendment Paid Present Rate **Total Claims** 12 20 0 Х Independent 2 3 0 Х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): Extension for response within first month 120.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 120.00 Small Entity x Large Entity No additional fee is required for this amendment. 02-2448 Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. X A check in the amount of \$ _____120.00 is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x | Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: March 30, 2006 Mark J. Nuell, Ph.D. Attorney Reg. No.: 36,623 BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP 8110 Gatehouse Road Suite 100 East P.O. Box 747 Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747 (703) 205-8043

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